

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS
LOK SABHA**

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COMMUNITY KITCHEN SCHEME

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Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government is considering to introduce Community Kitchen Scheme in order to expand the use of LPG ;
- (b) if so, the details thereof ;
- (c) the States where the said scheme is likely to be introduced ; and
- (d) the time by which it will be implemented ?

Answer

MINISTER OF PETROLEUM & NATURAL GAS & PANCHAYATI RAJ (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR)

(a) to (d) : Public Sector Oil Marketing Companies (OMCs) have already introduced the scheme of community kitchens in 22 States with the help of local village communities / panchayats with a view to increasing LPG coverage in rural areas and promoting the use of LPG by economically weaker sections of the society. This scheme is also being implemented in Hospitals, Schools (for Mid-day Meal Schemes) and in forest locations. OMCs plan to set up community kitchens in 1.40 lakh villages all over the country. The community kitchens are set up in keeping with local requirements. Hence, no time frame has been authorised for setting them up.